

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

I. Perfection of Priority Claim

The instant application claims priority to JP 2002-154015, which was filed on June 5, 2002. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.55, applicants submit a certified English language translation of the priority document herewith. Having perfected their claim to priority, applicants request the Office acknowledge this fact, accordingly.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance, and they request an early indication to that effect. Examiner Marvich is invited to contact the undersigned directly, should she feel that any item warrants further consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment accompany this response, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to the same deposit account. If any extension is needed for timely acceptance of submitted papers, then applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorize payment of the relevant fee(s) from the deposit account.